

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

FIRST NAMED INVENTOR : Jacques J. LABRIE **Confirmation No.: 4441**
FOR : DATA NAVIGATION SYSTEM AND METHOD
EMPLOYING DATA TRANSFORMATION LINAGE
MODEL
APPLICATION NO. : 09/221,542
FILING DATE : December 28, 1998
EXAMINER : Susan Y. Chen
ART UNIT : 2161
CUSTOMER NO. : 46158

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The final Office Action in the above-identified application was dated May 26, 2005. Applicant filed a Notice of Appeal on October 26, 2005 and an Appeal Brief on December 28, 2005. The Board's Decision of January 13, 2009 was mailed on January 14, 2009 and applicant's two (2) month period for filing a Request for a Rehearing under 37 CFR § 41.52 will expire on March 13, 2009.

Applicant has not filed a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 USC § 141 and has not commenced a civil action under 35 USC §§ 145 or 146 and this Appeal has not otherwise been terminated.

Accordingly, this Amendment and the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith is timely filed.

In response to the final Office action dated May 26, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on **page 2** of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on **page 8** of this paper.